

SENATE BILL 2549

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to chiropractic practice.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, is amended by deleting subsections (a) through (d) in their entirety, by substituting instead the following language, and by redesignating present subsection (e) as subsection (h):

(a) "Chiropractic Practice" refers to a system of healing based on the premise that the relationship between the structural integrity of the human frame and function in the human body is significant, and related health factors are essential to the restoration and maintenance of health.

(b) The practice and procedures used by the doctor of chiropractic shall include the procedures as taught in chiropractic colleges accredited by the United States Department of Education or its successor and procedures accepted by the board of chiropractic examiners for the diagnosis and treatment of disease or abnormalities.

(c) Patient care shall be conducted with due regard for nutrition, environment, hygiene, sanitation and rehabilitation designed to assist in the restoration and maintenance of neurological integrity and homeostatic balance.

(d) A duly licensed chiropractic physician shall be authorized to order procedures and laboratory tests appropriate to chiropractic practice as defined in subsection (a).

(e) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any of the following:

- (1) Prescribing drugs or medications;
- (2) Performing major or minor surgery;
- (3) Practicing any branch of medicine or osteopathy.

(f) As used in the term "chiropractic physician" in this part, "physician" means a graduate of an accredited chiropractic college authorized to confer upon graduates the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), who is duly licensed in this state.

(g) The board of chiropractic examiners shall establish rules for the approval and recognition of board certification and specialty training and to further outline the special procedures and techniques that can be used only by specialty board certified and board eligible practitioners.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.